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April 18, 2005

President Lisa Borders and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Municipal Market Board of Directors Appointment

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint Erica Morris to serve as a member of the Municipal Market Board of Directors in the Legal Category for the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**.

I am confident that Ms. Morris will serve the Municipal Market Board of Directors with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

9/04 – present **King & Spalding LLP**

Atlanta, GA

Summer 2003 Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation; *Associate/Summer Associate (2003)*

Represents corporations in toxic tort, products liability, class-action and mass tort suits. Responsible for drafting motions, briefs to courts, deposing witnesses and overall management of cases requiring the legal defense of large corporations. Communicates with clients and opposing counsel with regards to litigation.

Worked as summer associate in the headquarters office of major international law firm. Responsible for performing legal research and analysis for the Private Equity (wrote memo on the security status of leases under the Investment Company Act of 1940), Special Matters (researched methods for freezing the assets of fraud defendants), Business Litigation (wrote memo on antitrust statutes relevant to a pending client matter), Tort and Environmental Litigation (performed research on the applicability of the “open and obvious doctrine” to a client matter facing mediation), and Pro Bono (wrote letter to client regarding the legal status of recovery residences in Metro Atlanta) practice groups. Observed a client meeting, deposition, preparation for deposition, and mediation.

Summer 2002 **BellSouth Corporation**

Atlanta, GA

Legal Department; *Summer Clerk*

Worked as legal intern in General Counsel’s office of major telecommunications corporation. Responsible for performing legal research for litigation (drafted class action claim form; performed research on potential client liability for fallen wires), employee benefits/ERISA (wrote memo on the status of unemployment benefit overlays in the client’s region states), rights of way (performed research on utility relocation fee structures for the region states), and state office (conducted research on the status of the apparent authority doctrine in the client’s nine region states) practice areas. Participated in client meetings and conference calls for the regulatory, investor relations, and interconnectivity/procurement practice areas.

1/01-8/01 **U.S. House of Representatives**

Washington, DC

6/98-4/99 Office of Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI); *Legislative Assistant/Scheduler/Legislative Correspondent*

Responsible for legislative issues including education, housing, banking, reparations, Haiti, and science and technology. Advised Member on House votes, coordinated co-sponsorship of legislation, and signed Member on to Congressional letters to the President and other Administration officials. Wrote floor statements, press releases, speeches and official entries to the Congressional Record. Met with constituents and lobbyists on legislative issues. Arranged meetings with constituents and lobbyists, press appearances, and speeches around the country. Coordinated with House Judiciary Committee staff on scheduling interviews and press appearances on Judiciary matters, especially the House impeachment inquiry. Coordinated written responses from the Congressman to constituents.

4/99-1/01 **The White House**

Washington, DC

Office of Legislative Affairs; *Legislative Assistant* (Clinton-Gore Administration)

Drafted briefing papers and weekly legislative reports to the President, wrote daily reports of House floor action for Senior White House staff. Tracked legislation and responded to Congressional inquiries on Administration positions on legislation, White House tours, and Presidential events. Assisted House Liaison in handling legislative issues (science and technology, health care, agriculture, economic development). Disseminated information to Congressional offices on Presidential actions including bill signings and vetoes, issuing of Executive Orders, and releases of press papers. Assisted in coordination of Member participation in Presidential events and White House Conferences.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School- J.D., 2004; **Florida A&M University-** B.S., Political Science, *summa cum laude*, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

State Bar of Georgia (licensed member in good standing); Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Inc.; Jackson Memorial Baptist Church; Sylvan Hills Neighborhood Association; Neighborhood Planning Unit-X; Red Clay Democrats.